

Rules for the Latvian VHF/UHF/SHF Activity Contest (YLAC)

(Effective from 2025)

Objective:

- To promote activity among Latvian VHF/UHF/SHF radio amateurs.
- To identify the most active VHF/UHF/SHF radio amateurs of each year.

Participants:

- Open to Latvian and foreign radio amateurs.
- For foreign participants, results are counted only if their logs include at least one QSO with a Latvian station.

Timing and Bands:

The contests are held from 20:00 to 23:59 Latvian local time on the following days:

- 144 MHz band: First Tuesday of every month.
- 432 MHz band: Second Tuesday of every month.
- 50 MHz band: Second Thursday of every month.
- 1296 MHz band: Third Tuesday of every month.
- 70 MHz band: Third Thursday of every month.

Modes and Contacts:

- All communication modes (Phone, CW, MGM) are allowed, in line with the IARU Region 1 frequency allocation.
- Repeated contacts with the same correspondent using different modes, EME contacts, and contacts via repeaters are not counted.
- Participants must transmit RS(T) or an MGM-generated signal report and a four- or six-character WWL locator, such as KO26 or KO26AA.

Contest Procedure:

- Separate contests are held for each band every month.
- All participants compete in a single category, regardless of mode.

Scoring:

- 1 point per kilometer.
- An additional 500 points for each new WWL grid square (e.g., KO26, KO27).

Log Submission:

- Log must be submitted electronically no later than five days after the contest. The IARU Region 1-approved Electronic Data Interchange – EDI-file format is required.
- Log Submission confirms compliance with the contest rules and the "Regulations for Amateur Radio Examination Certificates and Licenses" as defined by the Cabinet of Ministers.
- Log should be sent to ylac@lral.lv or another address announced on the LRAL website.

Evaluation:

- QSOs, WWL alignment, and time discrepancies (maximum allowable difference: 5 minutes) are reviewed.
- Systematic errors, such as consistent time discrepancies or incorrect modes, may result in QSOs being credited to the correspondent only.
- Results are determined for each contest and published on the LRAL website.

Annual Winners:

- Winners are declared for each band separately, for both Latvian and foreign stations.
- Scores are based on the nine best monthly results in each band.

Awards:

- The top three participants in each band are awarded medals and diplomas.
- If a category has fewer than five participants, only the first-place winner is awarded a diploma.